REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-15, and 17-22 have been cancelled. The claims have been rewritten as new claims 23-60. Claims 23-60 are pending. No new matter has been added. The new claims are supported by the originally filed specification. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the Applicant respectfully submit that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. Reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

1. Rejection of claims 1-10, 12-15, and 17-22 (35 U.S.C. § 102(e))

Claims 1-10, 12-15, and 17-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), the Examiner contending they are anticipated by Alcorn et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,149,522 ("Alcorn"). Claims 1-10, 12-15, and 17-22 have been cancelled without prejudice, mooting the rejection.

2. New Claims 23-60

New claims 23-60 have been added. For at least the reasons below, claims 23-60 are allowable over the cited references.

To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim. See MPEP 2131. The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim. See id. (citing Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1226, 1236 (Fed. Cir. 1989)). Alcorn does not teach all the elements of the claims. Therefore, the new claims 23-60 are not anticipated by Alcorn.

Alcorn generally describes a method of authenticating game data sets in a casino gaming terminal. The purpose of authentication is to detect any tampering that may have occurred on the game data sets. Game data sets are stored in unrestricted storage. A separate, unalterable ROM contains authentication software for calculating a signature from the stored

game data sets using a hash function.

Claim 23 is not anticipated by Alcorn. Claim 23 recites, in relevant part, "a second decrypted electronic information to replace the first resident electronic information, the second decrypted electronic information obtained from the second encrypted electronic information by the decrypting component with at least the first resident security key and the second non-resident security key." The Examiner argues Alcorn as describing "the ability to use to [sic] two key for encryption with one key being held apart from the terminal and later supplied." This is incorrect. Instead, Alcorn describes using a private key/public key technique in which a private key is used to encrypt and a public key is used to decrypt. Col. 3, Lines 23-30. Thus, Alcorn describes using a single key to encrypt and a second key to decrypt. Alcorn describes that, alternatively, a single private key encryption technique may be employed. Col. 13, Lines 61-62. Thus, Alcorn cannot anticipate claim 23 because it fails to describe decrypting "with at least the first resident security key and the second non-resident security key."

Claim 23 also recites, in relevant part, "a second non-resident security key residing outside the gaming terminal and received by the gaming terminal separately from the first resident security key and the second encrypted electronic information." Because Alcorn does not describe using two keys to decrypt, as discussed above, Alcorn also cannot describe this limitation. Thus, Alcorn cannot anticipate claim 23.

Claims 24-42 depend from claim 23 and thus should be patentable over Alcorn for at least the same reasons as claim 23.

Similarly, the applicant submits that claim 43 is patentable over Alcorn for at least reasons similar to those given above for claim 23. Claims 44-60 depend from claim 23 and thus should be patentable over Alcorn for at least the same reasons as claim 23.

For at least the foregoing reasons, the Applicant submit that claims 23-60 are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Passage to issuance is, therefore, respectfully requested. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees associated with this Amendment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully Submitted,

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